

**Amendments to the Specification:**

1. On page 1, above line 7 insert the following single line paragraph:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

- B<sup>2</sup> 1. Field of the Invention

2. Between lines 11 and 13 insert the following one line paragraph:

- B<sup>3</sup> 2. Description of the Related Art

3. On page 2, between lines 28 and 30 insert the following one line paragraph:

B<sup>4</sup> SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

4. On page 3, between lines 11 and 13, insert the following paragraphs:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a 50 times magnification of a more stable structure (above) and a weaker structure (below).

Figure 2 shows a 100 times magnification of the more stable structure (above) and the weaker structure (below).

B<sup>5</sup> Figure 3 shows a 200 times magnification of the more stable structure (above) and the weaker structure (below) and

Figure 4 shows chondrocytes growing in the pores under 200 times magnification (above) and 1000 times magnification (below).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

5. Amend the paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2, lines 28-30 and lines 1-4, respectively, as follows:

~~WO 91/18558 and WO 91/16867 and also US 4,880,429 disclose composite matrices formed from collagen and up~~

B6 WO 91/18553 and WO 91/16857 and also US 4,830,429 disclose composite matrices formed from collagen and up to 25% by weight of glycosaminoglycans such as hyaluronic acid.

6. On page 15, lines 13-30, cancel as follows:

~~Figure 1 shows a 50 times magnification of a more stable structure (above) and a weaker structure (below).~~

~~Figure 2 shows a 100 times magnification of the more stable structure (above) and the weaker structure (below).~~

~~Figure 3 shows a 200 times magnification of the more stable structure (above) and the weaker structure (below) and~~

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